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## City Manager Drew Corbett Announces Retirement

San Mateo, CA – After successfully leading the City of San Mateo through some of its most challenging times in modern history, City Manager Drew Corbett announced he plans to retire from the City this summer.



Mr. Corbett has held the City's top executive position since late 2018 and oversees the largest municipality in San Mateo County serving over 105,000 residents with over 600 staff and an annual \$285 million budget. He is one of just two positions appointed by the City Council and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City and its 10 departments.

Over the last few years he has been a steadfast and adaptive leader guiding the City through significant changes such as transitioning to a by-district Council election system, commencing operations of the joint San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, and appointing eight new department heads. Corbett has also served as director of emergency operations during several activations. This included managing the City's COVID-19 pandemic response while ensuring vital services continued and providing significant financial support for the community including small businesses and our most vulnerable populations.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve this community and I am tremendously proud of what we have achieved," Corbett said. "None of these things could have been accomplished without our amazing City staff, and I am humbled to have had the opportunity to work with such a hard-working and dedicated group of public servants."

Corbett's work has led to lasting impact across the entire organization from recreation and library services to enhanced public infrastructure and public safety programs. He helped progress the City's overhaul of its wastewater treatment system while saving ratepayers \$130 million, and secured state and federal funding for structural upgrades at the Marina Library. Under his leadership the City opened the new Borel Park, reconstructed over 20 miles of roadway, completed the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Caltrain Grade Separation Project, and began construction on a 100% affordable housing development that will offer 225 homes in downtown.

His tenure is also bolstered by a fiscally-prudent approach that includes stabilizing the City through two successful revenue measures to increase the City's hotel tax and property transfer tax on properties sold for \$10 million or more. Prior to his appointment as City Manager, he spent 3 years as San Mateo's Finance Director and brought 10 years of public sector experience in the cities of Menlo Park and Sunnyvale. Corbett earned a Master of Business Administration and a bachelor's degree in political science, and worked in the private sector as well as Teach for America.

He lives with his wife, daughter and beloved dog Callie in San Jose, and is an avid runner having completed 23 marathons. In true finance director form, Corbett planned his last day for the end of the Fiscal Year – June 30, 2023. The City Council will discuss at an upcoming meeting how to approach recruiting for San Mateo's next City Manager and will likely engage an executive search firm to assist.

"Drew has given his heart and soul to San Mateo and we've been blessed every day thanks to his collaborative leadership and commitment to public service," said Mayor Amourence Lee. "San Mateo is a strong organization with dedicated staff and we are well-poised to continue building upon our work serving the community."